



SYNOPSIS

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Schedule 27

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 13, 2014

SB 1017 **Montgomery County Senators**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR COUNTY EXECUTIVE – SPECIAL
ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that a county charter may provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of chief executive officer or county executive of a county by special election; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution regarding a special election to fill specified vacancies in office; submitting an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; altering provisions of the State election laws; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS
EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. XI-A, § 3 and Art. XVII, § 2, EL, § 8-401, and
LG, § 10-205 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1018 Senator Reilly**TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH – CONTINUATION, MEMBERSHIP, STIPEND, AND DUTIES**

Altering the membership and duties of the Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth; authorizing youth or young adult members of the Task Force to receive a specified stipend as compensation for serving on the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to issue its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly in a preliminary report on or before November 1, 2014, and in a final report on or before June 1, 2015; and extending to June 30, 2015 the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapters 544 and 545 of the Acts of 2013, §§ 1(c), (f), (g), and (h) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1019 Senator McFadden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – EAST BALTIMORE HISTORICAL LIBRARY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the East Baltimore Community School, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the East Baltimore Historical Library, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1020 Senator Middleton**SOLAR FARMS – CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting a solar farm from the requirement to submit a grading and sediment control plan in order to obtain a permit for grading or construction; exempting a solar farm from the requirement to submit a forest stand delineation and forest conservation plan in order to obtain a permit for grading or construction; and exempting a solar farm from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity before constructing a generating station if the solar farm meets specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EN, § 4-101.1(d) - added & §§ 4-101.1(d) & 4-102 - amended, NR, § 5-1601(kk) - added & § 5-1602(b)(4) - amended, & PU, § 7-207.1 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1021 Senator Pugh**NET ENERGY METERING – INDUSTRIAL COMBINED HEAT AND POWER**

Including in the definition of an eligible customer-generator for the purposes of net energy metering a customer that owns and operates, leases and operates, or contracts with a third party that owns and operates a specified industrial combined heat and power facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1022 Senator Shank**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES PROHIBITED – USE OF FORCE CONSISTENT WITH TRAINING**

Prohibiting a law enforcement agency from bringing administrative charges against a law enforcement officer for excessive force under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, § 3-106 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1023 Senator Edwards**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – HEART DISEASE AND
HYPERTENSION PRESUMPTION – ALLEGANY COUNTY
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Extending the presumption of compensability under the workers' compensation law to include, under specified conditions, Allegany County correctional officers who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death; requiring Allegany County correctional officers to submit specified medical disclosures to the Allegany County Sheriff; allowing benefits under the Act to be added to retirement benefits subject to a specified limitation; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, §§ 9-503(b) and (e) and 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1024 Senator Brinkley**PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – PRESTIGE OF OFFICE – PROHIBITED USE**

Prohibiting an official from using the prestige of office or public position to solicit, compel, or oblige a public or private entity to enter into an agreement with a labor organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 5-506 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1025 Montgomery County Senators**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESIDENCY
REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION**

Exempting Montgomery County from specified provisions of law requiring that the partners in a partnership for which an application for an alcoholic beverages license is made or an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license have residency in the County for 2 years before the application is filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, §§ 9-101(a) and 10-103(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1026 Senator Kasemeyer, et al**MARYLAND STATE FAIR – FUNDING EXTENSION**

Repealing the termination of a requirement that the racecourse at Timonium receive at least a specified amount of funds from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account that is not subject to a specified matching funds requirement; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SG, § 9-1A-29 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1027 Senator Kittleman**CRIMINAL LAW – MARYLAND CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ACT – REGISTRATION OF LICENSED PHYSICIANS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, under specified circumstances, to notify the State Board of Physicians of the amount of a specified fee; requiring the Board, under specified circumstances, to include a specified fee in specified licensing fees and remit the collected fees to the Department; prohibiting the Department from charging specified authorized providers a fee that is separate from the fee included in specified license fees under a specified provision of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 5-204 and 5-304 - amended and HO, § 14-205(d) - added and § 14-207(b) and (c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1028 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES ALTERNATIVE LIVING UNITS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Services, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Jewish Community Services alternative living units, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1029 Senator Zirkin**BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROCUREMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED PROJECTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Making specified provisions of law concerning the advertising for bids for specified procurements costing more than \$25,000 apply to construction-related projects for schools in Baltimore County; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 5-112(a) - amended and § 5-112.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1030 Senators Muse and Conway**FORFEITURE OF BAIL BONDS**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits a court that exercises criminal jurisdiction from refunding a forfeiture of bail or collateral at a specified time unless a private surety pays a forfeiture of bail or collateral within a specified time; and repealing specified conditions that must be met before the court may refund a forfeited bail bond or collateral that was not paid within a specified time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 5-208 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1031 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – DIGITAL HARBOR FOUNDATION (DHF) TECH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Digital Harbor Foundation, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the DHF Tech Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1032 Senator Ferguson**ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTY – RETENTION OF STATUS**

Altering to 10,000 the number of registered voters in the State that must be affiliated with a political party as of December 31 each year in order for the political party to retain its status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EL, § 4-103 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1033 Senators Brinkley and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING**

Altering a specified restriction on the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in Frederick County; prohibiting a single individual at a wine sampling or tasting event in the county from consuming more than 6 ounces of wine from all brands in a single day; and requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-406 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1034 Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – FILLING A VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP**

Altering provisions of law concerning the filling of a vacancy on the Queen Anne's County Board of Education; providing for the holding of an election to fill a vacancy on the county board under specified circumstances; and providing that a member appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy on the county board serves only for a specified period.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, § 3-10A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1035 **Senators Hershey and Jacobs**

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – MARC PENN LINE
EXTENSION

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to extend specified passenger railroad service to Elkton, Maryland, by January 1, 2020, by negotiating a specified contract with Amtrak; etc.

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